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14. ABSTRACT

Precision Photonics Corporation has developed a method of applying Ion Beam Sputtered (IBS) MWIR anti-reflective coatings to the interior of a tangent ogive dome. Although IBS has traditionally not been used in this application, it is known that IBS provides the highest density coatings using very hard, durable materials. We achieved a variable coating thickness profile by means of shadow masking coupled with a sophisticated 3 dimensional mathematical model, which optimizes the antireflection performance over a wide range of look angles for an infrared seeker inside the dome. The coating design for this project survives temperatures up to 1000°C.

15. SUBJECT TERMS

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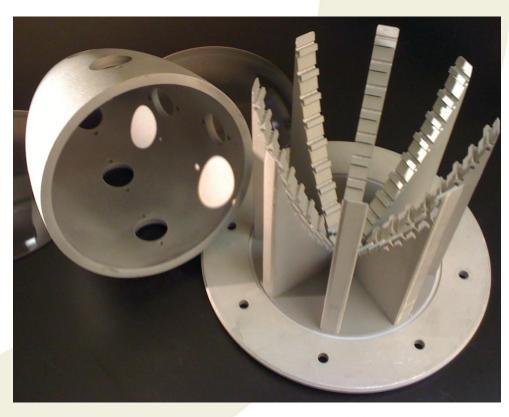




Thermally Robust IBS Coatings for Deep Concave Surfaces

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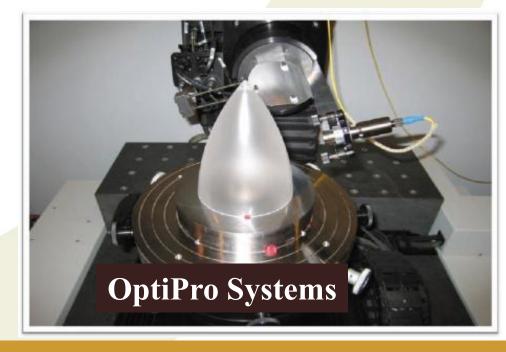


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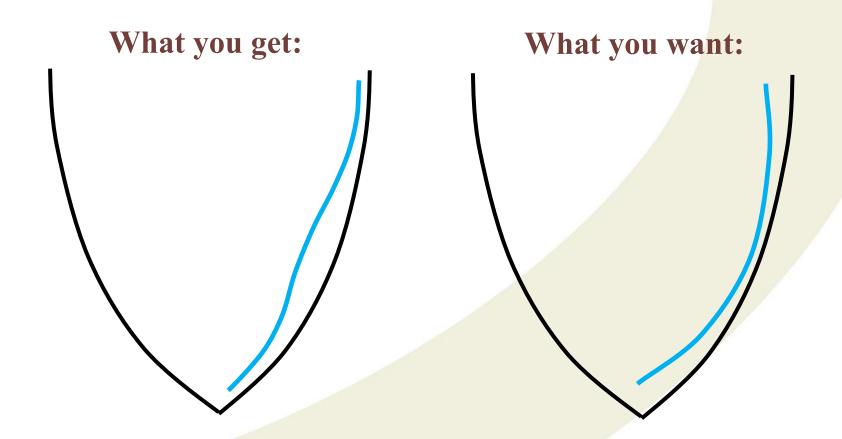


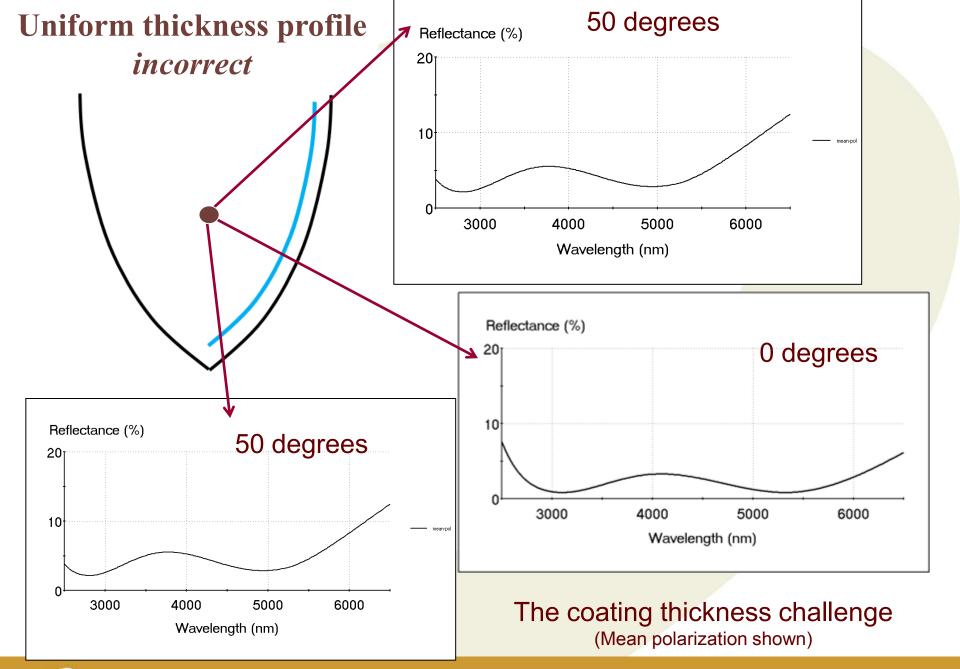
The Challenge

- Dome shape trend: Hemispherical dome → tangent ogive
- Improved aerodynamics:
 - decrease drag, temp., increase range, speed
- Increased durability against rain, etc.
- Increased optical field of regard
- Issues:
 - High temperature operation (~1000°C) required
 - more complex optic, more complex coatings necessary
 - Spatially-varying coating profile required in order to optimize AR coating for a wide range of look angles within the dome

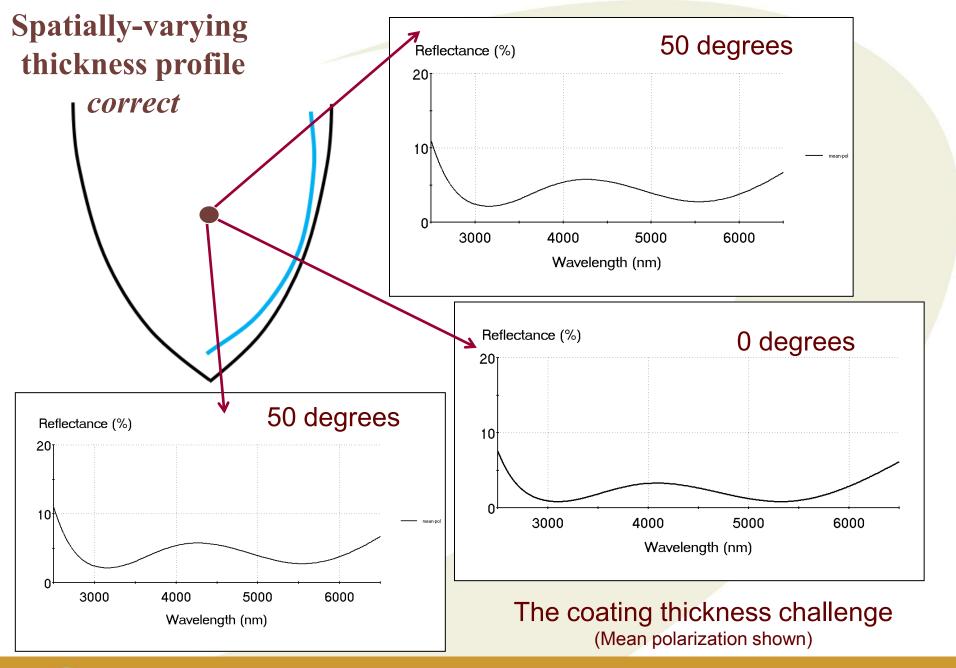


If you just put the dome in a coating chamber...



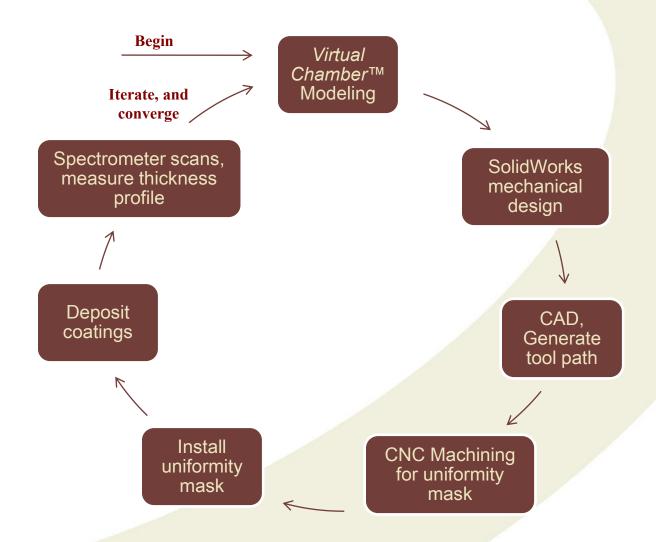






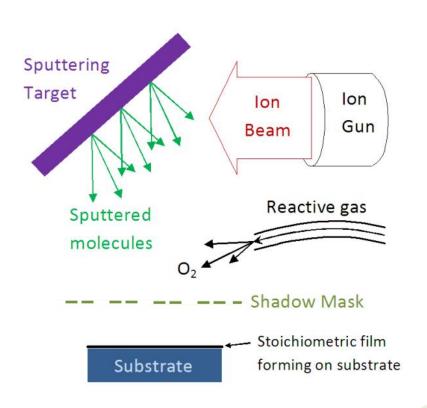


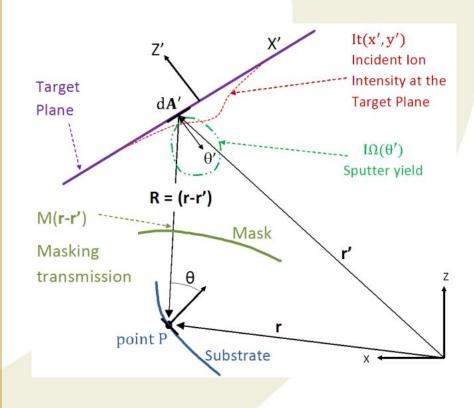
PPC's Solution



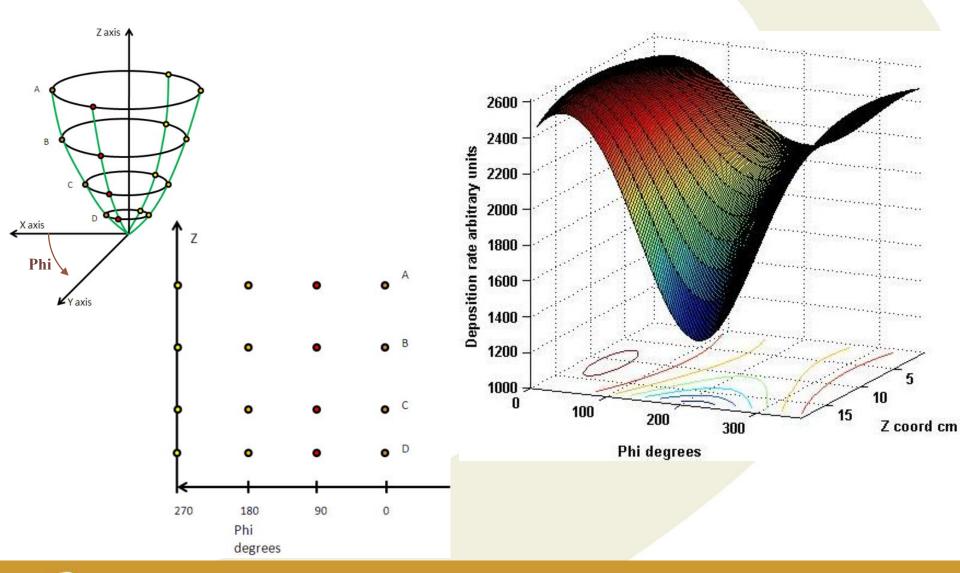


IBS Model: Virtual Chamber™



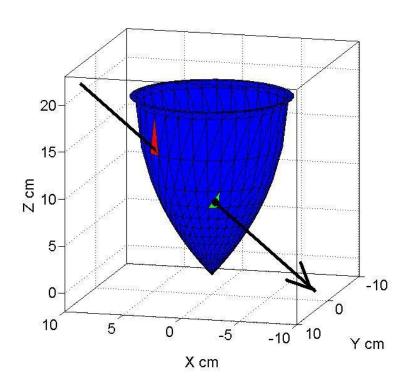


Virtual Chamber™ → Dome Rate Field





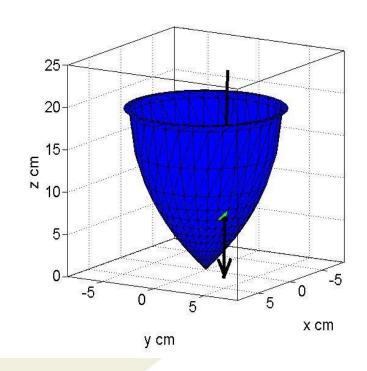
Virtual Chamber™ → Uniformity Masking



Goal:

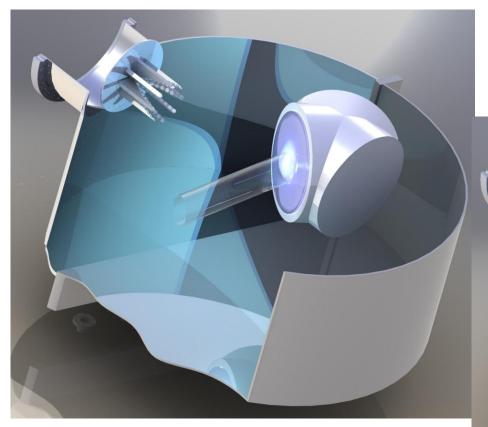
Tailor which 'paths' are allowed to reach the dome surface, as a function of position along the dome interior. Use <u>mechanical masking</u> of sputter distribution to accomplish this

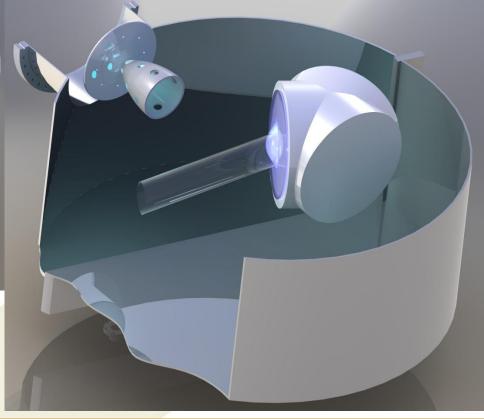
Rays indicate material path from sputtering target to dome surfaces



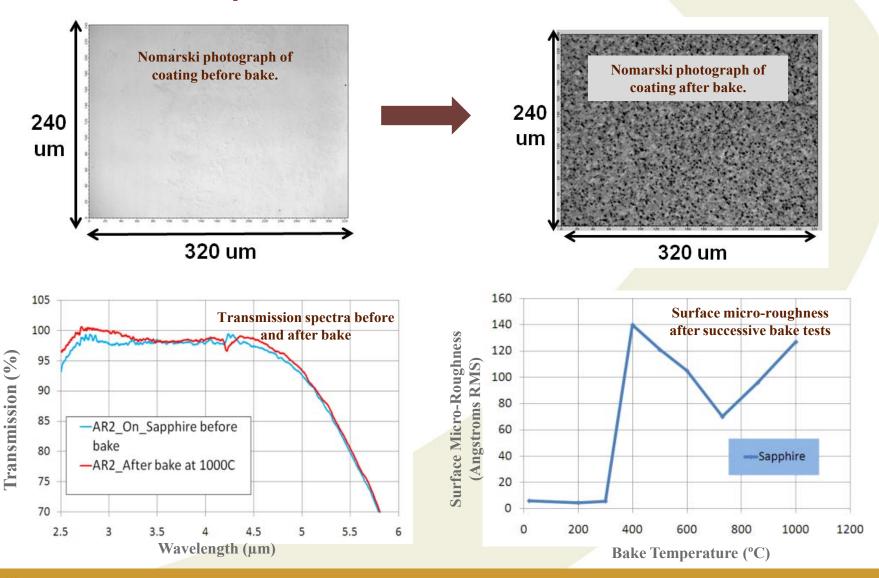


Virtual Chamber™ → SolidWorks

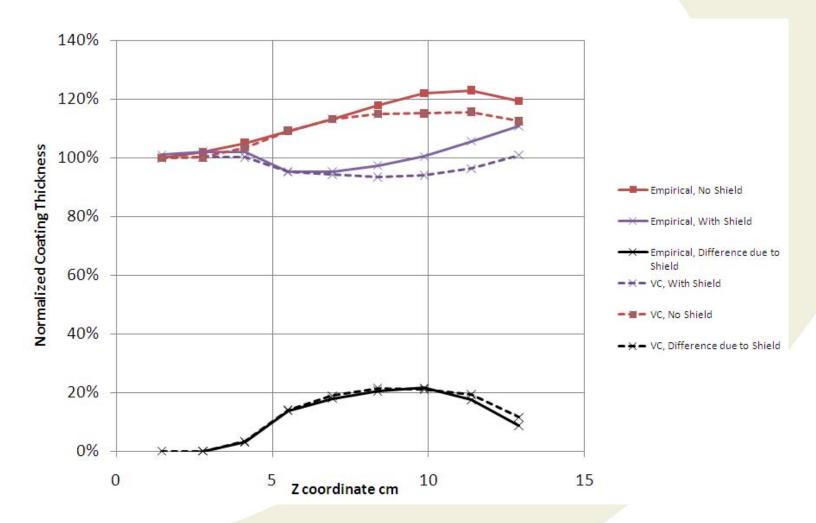




1000°C Operation

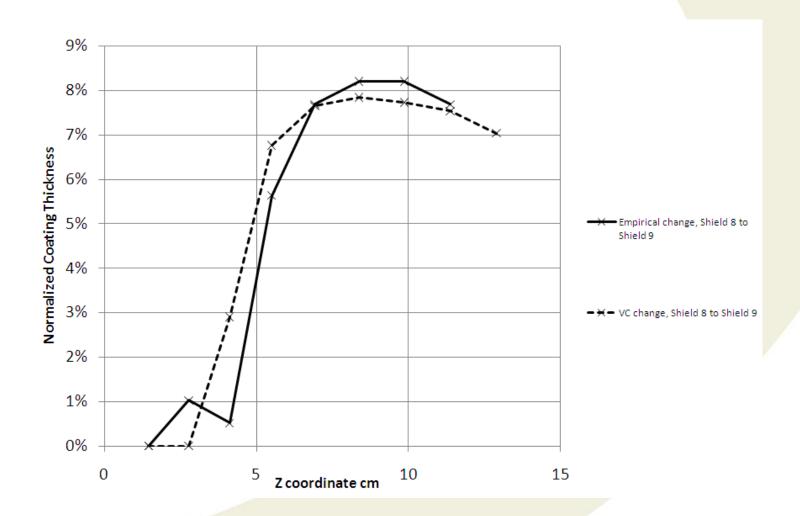


Modeling vs Experiment



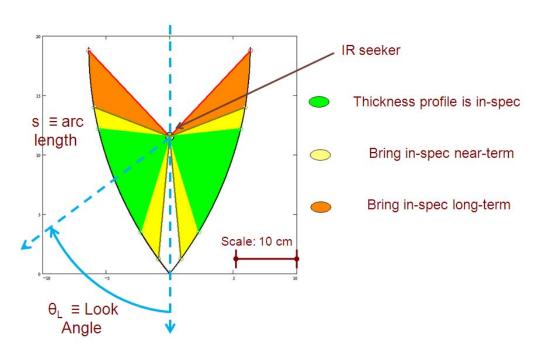


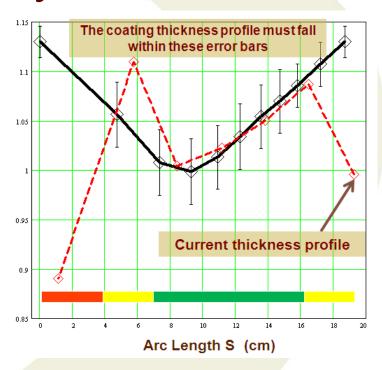
Iteration: Old Mask → New Mask





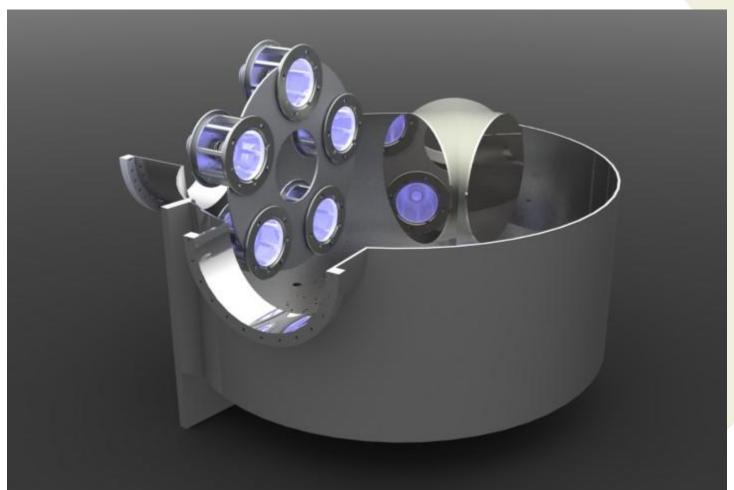
Conclusion and Summary





- Demonstrated a robust AR coating on sapphire that survives exposure to 1000°C
- PPC's Virtual ChamberTM model is operational and reliable
- Tooling concept for coating dome interiors works reliably, will be modified for dome exteriors
- Achieved specified coating thickness uniformity over a look angle range of 16° to 96°

Coating Multiple Domes



.....Questions?



Small Business Innovation Research

Title of Success Story Product/Service

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Brief description of the new technology/application. (Please try to state what the technology does in a clear, plain-spoken manner.)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Development stage (e.g., prototype, small production runs, etc.).
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